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insinuated into your mailbox once again by Dirty Dave Marshall of Route 3, Box 361-A, Russellville, KY 42276 -- home of the 1982 Logan County Tobacco Festival. Phone (502)726-8964 evenings 'til 10 Central Time, (502)726-8313 days.

DEADLINE FOR ALL GAMES IN THIS ISSUE IS 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1982.

Well, FUDGECON has come and gone, and I understand it was a great success. WOODY writes that it was "better than Origins," and that Langley, Mazzer, Byrne, Pearson, Coughlan, Michalski, Hanson, Ozog, Lancaster, Ellis, Osuch, Sherwood, and Rauterberg were among the 22 who showed up. No, Marshall didn't make it. I'd gone so far as to make flight reservations into Wichita, but early in the week Jennifer's doctor pronounced her too close to full term for me to leave town "unnecessarily." Now, I had my own ideas about "necessity," but the marrieds among you can well visualize what my domestic standing would have been had I gone and she hit labor. Better a wasted weekend at home than a lifetime in Deep Shit. (Incidentally, at this writing we're still waiting. Figures.) Maybe next year, Uncle Bob, and for sure I'll see you at Chicago, Detroit, and St. Louis.

Speaking of regional cons, BILL HIGHFIELD writes that he and some of his Rochester cronies are planning a Wigadoo/Byrnecon-type of gathering for the weekend of November 20. Plans are not firmed up yet, it seems, so watch this space, THE MODERATE PATRIOT, and other zines for details and confirmation. Sounds like fun, though.

Gee, guys, the compliments I've been receiving on the LEEDER POLL outcome are appreciated, but don't you read this page? Last time I mentioned how the thing was a FAKE, albeit a clever one. MIKEY BARNO gets the credit. Now it seems that The Flushing Mob, at least, have gotten some early access to the real thing. And in the latest WHITESTONIA, JOHN CARUSO laments that his main zine scored lower than KATHY'S KORNOR, its subzine (haha), so he's feeling unappreciated and will/may scale back his own publishing efforts as a result (not printing submittals unless specifically asked, etc.). To John I say: what happened to your creed that this hobby is supposed to be for FUN? Nowhere does it say you have to be shown appreciation as a GM/pubber. If that were the case, most of us would've quit long ago. I, for one, really enjoy the gentle chaos of W, KK aside. Keep the faith, John.

This issue signals the official demise of the Toadies, at least in the guise of DnD-1. DnD-3, the infamous telephone game, shouldn't be far behind. So it looks like time to announce more game openings. I'm accepting your \$3.50s for DnD-6, to be run on our usual random schedule, effective immediately. Signed up so far is BILL HART, who will be my first 3-time player. Thanks Bill. Also on the back burner is a possible 8-week deadline game, scheduled so Canadians and other greasy foreigners can participate. I'm convinced that the persistent deterioration of US-Canadian postal service, and not any diminution of Canuck enthusiasm per se, is what accounts for the sparse ranks of Canadian players in US zines as compared to, say, 4 years ago. I've written RAN-DOLPH SMYTH in Alberta to see if an extended-deadline game might fly. Mailed the letter 14 days ago, so he should get it any day now....

The entries for the TACKY POSTCARD CONTEST are now closed. I'm frankly disappointed at the turnout, as well as some of your notions of tacky. Why, just down the road from here, on the north side of Nashville, is the Hee Haw Motel ("Waterbeds-Live Bears-Fireworks-Opryland Info") whose freebie house postcards would easily dust off anything I received from you. But fair's fair, and I'll scrutinize the entries one more time and announce the results in #23 where there's more room for that sort of thing.

A complete ADDRESS UPDATE will be published next time, but here's some COAs for now:

4 wk dead lines
grey press
no sub fee
...must play
or S/B to
get the
zine, unless
you're "some-
body"

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Oh yeah -- a special thanks to Nancye (the boss's secretary) who cranked out most of the game and press material in this on her IBM 60. Also to Jannifar, who made a special exception this time and typed up the Toadies' and game material, richly cursing their misarable scrawlings all the while. Now, THE GAMES:

1980 LP (DnD-1: The Toadies' Game) -- WRAP-UP & ENDGAME STATEMENTS

Game-end Chart:

	1901	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	
AUSTRIA	2	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	
ENGLAND	4	6	7	9	10	11	12	12	draw
FRANCE	4	4	4*	1	-	-	-	-	
GERMANY	6	7	8	9	12	14	15	14	draw
ITALY	4	5	3	1	-	-	-	-	
RUSSIA	6	6	4	4	1	-	-	-	
TURKEY	4	4	6	9	11	9	7	8	draw

Game: 1980LP

Zine: Down 'n Dirty

GM: Dava Marshall

Start: 12-19-80

Finish: 08-21-82

Player Listing:

AUSTRIA: Eric Ozog (resigned F'01), Dava Gariapy (out F'05)

ENGLAND: Dan Stafford (drew 1908)

FRANCE: Andy McMahon (out F'05)

GERMANY: Keith Sherwood (drew 1908)

ITALY: Dan Palter (out F'05)

RUSSIA: Bob Olsen (out A'06)

TURKEY: Mike Mazzer (drew 1908)

DAN STAFFORD (ENGLAND):

This sucker started out just like any normal game might -- with the players who did not write (Ozog and McMahon) determining the alliance structure more than any other consideration. Yes, it was fate that put me together with the notorious Sherwood, though at the time I had no idea how truly notorious he was.

For some reason, I felt that this EG alliance was going to be awesome. I don't know how I knew that, having never played it before, but I just did. Sherwood wasn't so sure. So the early part of this game was a continuous battle for me to get Keith to adopt my aggressive stance. I had to beg and plead to get him to open A Mun-Bur (he ended up with Paris F'01). I had to beg and plead to get him to hit Russia in 1902 (he ended up with WAR, MOS, SEV).

From 1902 on, it was Eastern power (R/T) vs Western power (E/G). They never stood a chance. Even without the help of sloppy tactics and poor coordination R/T cannot resist E/G for long. And they didn't.

Security was a big problem from the start for TRO and me. Overriding my objections, he did build a fleet in Winter 01, but bless his little heart, because he did use it to kill Russians anyway. But when the forces were needed to subdue an opponent, we both played for the alliance ignoring "security" until that enemy was broken. It was "all for one and one for all" until, at least, 1904.

(1980 LP - Stafford)

And then, of course, there was one famous "Olsen Maneuver"! It isn't very often that the Russians can get a fleet into the North Sea in the midst of a G/E onslaught, but somehow (probably quite by accident) Bob managed to achieve this goal. A Russian fleet in the North Sea can cause all sorts of unthinkable problems for both England and Germany. (No, that isn't the "Olsen Maneuver".) But what did Uncle Bob do with his fleet once in the North Sea? That fleet applying pressure to no less than six E/G supply centers, a fleet that is dislodged is even more troublesome than if it is not? Olsen, kind and generous soul that he is, moved his fleet out of this North Sea to the Norwegian Sea (where it is far less threatening) voluntarily the very next turn. THAT, is the now famous "Olsen Maneuver". (Mark Berch take note).

Anyway, as FRANCE and RUSSIA collapsed, Shiftwood and I began moving more and more of our forces to border patrol. He had not built a fleet since 1901, and I had not added a second army yet, so neither of us had the mix of units necessary to hurt the other. Still, Snotwood plotted and planned, aborting at least two stabs at the last minute (and then always confessing).

As his troops rolled through Austria while my Englishmen bogged down fighting Turkey for Italy, Germany pulled ahead in the SC count. To compensate, it was agreed that I should take MAR and then Paris from him. MAR was easy, but Snotface found an excuse to block my every effort to move to ENG to convoy the army over, knowing, I guess, that if I got an army into France, he would never be able to win. After each block I would get a "Oh, I'm such a silly" letter from my "ally" promising never to do it again.

Finally, Shiftface saw his chance to go for a win. he sent an army into France in direct violation of all our accords. The usual sob letter arrived full of apologies, but this time I just trash-canned the sucker, proceeding to launch an all out attack, and just in the nick of time, too.

By literally anticipating each and every one of Germany's moves and by coordinating E/T resistance, and by just plain getting lucky in Italy in Fall, 1907, I managed to stop Shift-for-brains dead in his tracks. He had no choice but to accept the three-way draw.

KEITH SHERWOOD (GERMANY):

Ah, this classic game comes to an end. My first postal win. I's just like to thank - wait a minute - I didn't win?

Diplomacy was flying hot and heavy early. Everyone wrote: kind and good Ozog, silver-tongued Mazzer, reticent Stafford, inimitable Olsen, even Palter. Everyone but France. Everyone (everyone) warned me of the ruthless Dan Stafford, and I was prepared to move against him, if only to protect myself, but France refused to write. I made a deal with Stafford and sent in orders to BUR, HOL and KIE, looking for six centers by Winter. Then France wrote.

I immediately called him, the day before the deadline. I explained I was going to BUR and proposed a move to BEL in the fall, and a surprise alliance against Stafford who we were both quite paranoid of.

I was going to go through with it. Really I was, but after Spring came out France was all out of position in FIE. And Stafford and I were in perfect position. So I decided to grin and bear it and stick it out with Stafford. I did look back, though, a couple of times.

(1980 LP - Sherwood)

After blitzing through France with England, and watching R/T chew up Austria (Ozog played a dismal first year), the game quickly came to E/G facing R/T across the board. I had been friendly with Olsen and we discovered many mutual areas of interests. In 1903 it was again time to choose between allies: England or Russia. Again in '02 I came up with an elaborate plan to get myself out of this alliance with the totally unscrupulous Stafford (Mazzer and Olsen had gotten me really paranoid). Again it failed when the desired moves did not come about from Russia and England. And in '03, again I chose position over worried mind. I stayed with Stafford and stabbed Olsen. Bob wrote great letters, but Dan was lavishing me with frequent two hour phone calls, and he and I were becoming friends too. I became less afraid of him and more assured of my own playing ability - too much.

As E/G rambled over Russia, the game broke down to endgame in only 1905 and E/G was left facing Turkey. When Mazzer finally stabbed Olsen for his centers in '05, Bob was nice enough to puppet to me in '06 and "prova to Mazzer that there is always some penalty, however slight, in stabbing me". He supported me into his last center. Thanks Bob.

In 1907 things got too much for me to handle. Again, to choose between England and another, this time Turkey. But 18 centers kept flashing in my eyes. And everytime I shot my mouth off to Mazzer, I risked him passing it on to Stafford. So I practically backed myself into stabbing and going for the win. I was young and inexperienced and wouldn't do it again. Stafford doesn't make tactical mistakes, and I suddenly saw a stalemate line in the Turkish Balkins in W '07. Ooops, I stalled out at 15 centers. Damn, Damn, Damn and Dumb, Dumb, Dumb. It was over then, (although Stafford was thoughtful enough to write to offer, "build nothing and maybe I'll give you our alliance back." Needless to say, Dan had long since stopped calling, or even being friendly.)

This was an extremely fun game; the press was excellent throughout. I will always remember meeting the likes of Stafford, Olsen, Ozog and Mazzer through it. Dan, you were an excellent ally, and I was a fool. Still, I wonder if I was safe in the upcoming years... Mike, excellent endgame, holding out for the three-way;

I won't hand it to you next time. Bob - you're great. Best thing about this game was getting to be your friend. And to Dave, thanks for a very good GMing job, although I did get rather worried as I got larger and larger and the zine kept coming later and later...great game, everyone, I'll always remember it as one of my favorites.

BOB OLSEN (RUSSIA):

All things considered, I think I played pretty atrociously in this game. My finish, fourth place, but not eliminated at the same time as the other three countries, was just right because while I played poorly, France, Italy and Austria played much worse than I did. So there's some justice in this.

The pivotal season was early on sometime or other (to be specific) when I was supposed to be allied with Keith's Germany. I had to make an order change just before deadline, but was not able to call the GM the last night because I left my address book at home and was out of town. So Keith got all bent out of shape and stabbed me. He can be so petty at times. And after that was my downfall since I was forced to remain allied with Mazzer, which is tantamount to suicide at the best of times.

Well, at least the GM did pretty good, though it would be better if Dirty Dave were not quite so cocky about his zine and GMing. Pride goeth before a fall, Dave.

(More Tossies)

MIKE MAZZER (TURKEY):

From Winter '01 on, this one had three-way draw written all over it. Not that Olsen and I weren't trying to break up the E/G alliance. We were, constantly. But strategically, it made no sense for one of them to stab the other as long as Bob and I hung together. And Bob and I were going to stick together as long as Dan and Keith stuck together. So the lines were drawn early.

So what went wrong with the RT alliance, supposedly the strongest on the board? Keith Sherwood is what went wrong with it. When 80LP started (19 Dec. 1980), no one knew or appreciated Keith. (He was still Keith, not yet Troi). In Diplomacy, it's no great accomplishment to convince Russia you are not going to take Moscow when you have no units anywhere near Moscow. It is the art of the consummate diplomat to convince Russia you are not going to take Moscow when you've just moved six units around Moscow. Nobody does this better than Keith. As the saying goes, he can piss on your back and convince you it's raining. In fall '01, Stafford conveyed an army to Norway, and in Winter '01, Keith built A Kie, F Ber, i.e. he might have painted a billboard saying I'M STABBING RUSSIA. But Keith convinced Bob that he was in no danger. Needless to say, Bob was doomed by Sp '02. I tried to help Bob as much as possible, lending him BUL in Fa '02. Dan criticized me for that, and probably rightly. I concede it made more sense symbolically than tactically. From then on, it was pretty clear I was going to end up as the "one" on a two-on-one endgame. I took what I could of Italy, Austria and (yes) Russia, (Bob invited me to "save myself" and take RUM and SEV. He later asked me to give them back, but that would have served no purpose.) and eventually was able to fall back to a stalemate position. Dan has the warmonger's feel for tactics, so perhaps he can comment more astutely than I, but my gut feeling is that Keith might have won if he'd stabbed England earlier than he did.

Congratulations to Keith and Dan. They were a formidable pair, and I feel fortunate to have managed a share of the draw. Thanks to Andy McMahon who stuck with his position. His one unit was very helpful against Italy, who had come out on the side of E/G. And to Bob, my ever long-suffering ally, my condolences. We all have "those" games sometimes. And thanks to you, Dave, for a well-run game and your welcome additions to the press.

MARK LEW (SWITZERLAND):

This game was stacked against me from the beginning because I wasn't given a country to play. Undaunted, I allied with Sherwood, and for awhile I thought I had something going, but alas, because I didn't have a country, I wasn't allowed to vote. So they passed the draw without me. Oh well, at least I wasn't eliminated.

1981 CH (DnD-2: The Dodos' Game)

WINTER 1906: England -- Builds F Edi, F Lvp, A Lon.

SPRING 1907: "BERLIN BUTCHER'S" FORCES ENTER BUCHAREST AS ENGLISH, ITALIAN NAVAL CONFLICT MOUNTS.

ENGLAND (Steve Langley, 8): F lvp, IRI, F edi-NTH, A LON H, F ENG S & F POR S F mid, F MID S & A PAR S German A bur-gas, A BEL-bur.

GERMANY (Bill Highfield, 10): A RUH S English A bel-bur, A BUR-gas, A TYO-ple, A BOH S A vie, A GAL S A ukr-RUM, A MOS-sev, A sil-WAR, F DEN protests Lord Hume's diplomatic mission to Berlin (H), A VIE tortures EVERY supporter of Stu's asshole regime (H), Secret Agent Michalski attempts to assassinate Stu at the Vatican (nsul).

(More Decees')

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ITALY (Stu Lancaster, 8): F WES S & F NAF S F SPA(sc)-mid, A MAR S A
GAS H, A VEN-pie, A TRI S Turkish A bud, F gre-ALB.

TURKEY (Peter Robson, 8): A SER S A BUD, H, A ARM S A sev, A SEV S A
BUL-rum, F bla-CON, F rum-BLA.

FALL 1907 is due here by deadline shown on page 1. Please vote on a 4 way
draw along with those orders. PRESS follows:

BOURNEMOUTH: Dispatches from Lord Hume indicate that the Kaiser is our
friend and possibly savior. Not only is he willing to support our war
effort on the continent, but he is willing to send us economic advisors.

NO DATELINE: What happens in Diplomacy when the bad guys beat up
the good guys? Answer: The board turns Black and Blue.

GERMANY DnD-5 to Germany DnD-2: You know the difference between
Reagonoids and hemorrhoids? Preparation-H cures the second and is
used as a grooming aid for the first.

As a veteran of the recent ugliness it's always nice to know that if
enough Republicans volunteer all us left wing, hippie, commie, perverts
can hang around and rape the white women at our leisure.

You are aware, I assume, that Annapolis is the gay academy?

BERLIN: Pope Highfield today announced that the war with Turkey has
ceased and that both Germany, Turkey, and England have agreed to
pound Italy to pieces. A three way draw is acceptable to us. Death
to the Pope! The Fourth Reich will defend against any "border
skirmishes" between us.

GERMANIC MESSIAH to ASSHOLE WOP: Stu, why do you insist on being an
incoherent, babbling child! I know you can't accept being stabbed.
You should play MONOPOLY instead! Besides, I don't stab good allies.
Since Steve is a GREAT ally and you're but a mediocre player AND
since ALL of my forces are on YOU and NOT STEVE I attacked YOU!
SUCKER! Onward to Rome my German, English and now Turkish
allies. KILL THE ASSININE IMPOSTER OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
POPE!

MIDSHIPMAN 4th CLASS WILLIAM HIGHFIELD, USN to CM: Sorry for the
lack of writing but NAVY ROTC has been demanding this, my first week.
How was TMP #3, Dave? I thought it was a lot better. AIM TO MAIM, Dave!

REACANITIC QUOTE FROM THE FUTURE: "The Best Diplomat I know is
a FULLY charged PHASER BANK!" Scotty, Engineer of the U.S.S.
Enterprise. Look forward to it in TMP-#4.

BERLIN (UPI): In a surprise speech today, Pope Highfield said, "Our
forces have launched renewed attacks against the decadent Italians
while a few border skirmishes continue against Turkish forces. ATTACK
ITALY, TURKEY !!!

REAGANITE to STU: Stu, that organ in your pants is neither to play with
NOR is it a pacifier!!

BERLIN TO WORLD: I'll have you know that neither England nor I will ever
vote for a 4 way draw. 3 way, maybe. 4 way, NEVER. Turkey, Italy will
fall sooner or later. HELP US!!

(More Decees')

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BERLIN NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: In Berlin today, we've had a most terrible
accident! During an 18 gun salute symbolizing German/English strength,
ULTRA RIGHT WINGERS in the ranks of the guards opened fire on Lord Hume
striking him TWICE in the chest, once in the leg, and once in his right arm.
He's in critical condition in a Berlin Hospital. He's under HEAVY British
guard. The conspirators were given as punishment the ranks of Colonels
in the German Secret Police and a medal for service to the public. We're
very sorry and the German government officially apologizes to the English
government.

SWITZERLAND to ROCHESTER: Thay, Thay, Sailor Boy.

EDINBURCH: In an effort to align the strategic purposes of our two nations,
Lord Hume has been dispatched with documents and letters of authority
to visit with Kaiser Highfield. Lord Hume was not available for comment,
but a member of his staff had this to say, "I feel that the prayers of the
nation go with him. I know I haven't stopped praying since he was sent
to Germany."

BELCIUM: Crowds of Nationals have feted the English army since its
triumphal return to Belgium. Hundreds of young mothers with babes
in arms have mobbed our soldiers, looking for their baby's fathers.

1979 CS (DnD-3: The Shysters' Game)

WINTER 1911: France -- Builds A Par.

SPRING 1912: SPRING RAINS, MUD HALT NEARLY ALL MILITARY ACTION;
RUMORS OF A FALL ARMISTICE.

ENCLAND (Jake Walters, 6): F WES S Italian F naf-tun (nsu), F MID S F wes,
A CAS S French A mar, F ENG H, A KIE S Russian A mun, F BAL S Russian
A pru.

FRANCE (Mike Barno, 6): A MAR supports the draw (H), A BUR S A mar, A
RUM S Russian A mun, F SPA(sc) S English F mid-wes (nso), A NAF S the
noble Italian F tun, A PAR laughs at the Turkish effort (H).

ITALY (Civil Disorder, 1): F TUN H.

RUSSIA (Tim Borwn, 6): A STP S & A LVN S A MOS H, A MUN H,
A PRU S F ber, F BER S A pru.

TURKEY (Bill Hart, 15): F LYO S F TYN-wes, F TUS S F Lyo, F apu-NAP,
F ION H, F AEG H, A PIE-mar, A SIL S A WAR-pru, A BOH-mun,
A tri-TYO, A SEV S A UKR-mos, A GAL-war.

The 4-way draw proposal failed, but has been repropoed.

Note that if no supply centers change hands next season, the draw will be
declared by the GM regardless of votes, in accordance with Houserule 7.3.
FALL 1912 is due here by deadline on page 1. PRESS follows:

PARIS to ANKARA: Christ, man, don't you know a stalemate when you see one?
You're stopped everywhere. We won't let you take the Western Med. You
played a good game, but 18 stops 15. Period.

(More Shysters')

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ON THE LEFT BANK: An utterly useless legion of fighting men gathered here, boosting the business done by local saloons and cathouses. Meanwhile, the talk all over Paris is of the season's comedy smash, "Sultan Vetoes the Draw".

RE PUDGECON: Hope you went.

ENDWELL/d/R (Rochester): One thing about this game -- you get to hear what we all sound like.

FRANCE to TOADY GERMANY: Nope, Bill didn't. Hope your failure to win wasn't due to advice from him.

ROCHESTER, THEREABOUTS, AND EVERYWHERE ELSE: Nuke Highfield! Sink the whole Navy and the Nazist, heretical Reaganitic cult!

1982 CH (DnD-4: The Aliens' Game)

SUMMER 1903: Germany -- A kie R MUN.

FALL 1903: AUSTRIAN, FRENCH, TSARIST FORCES MENACE ITALIAN, TURKISH HOMELANDS; NORTHERN WAR ESCALATES AS WELL.

AUSTRIA (Randy Ellis, 6): A BOH H, A BUL-con, A ser-GRE, A TYO S A tri-VEN, F AEG S Russian F con-smy.

ENGLAND (Jeff Martin, 7): F NTH C A edi-HOL, A kie S/d/R (Ruh, OTB) French A bur-mun, F DEN S A kie, F SWE-fin, F NRG S F NWY H.

FRANCE (Robert Kraus, 6): A BEL S English A edi-hol, A bur-MUN, A PIE S Austrian A tri-ven, F WES S F mid-NAF, F TYN-rom.

GERMANY (Peter Robson, 3): A BER S & F hol S/d/R (Hgo, OTB) A mun-KIE.

ITALY (Dan Palter, 4): F ION S F naf-TUN, A apu-NAP, A ven-rom/d/R (Apu, Tus, OTB).

RUSSIA (Richard Tucker, 4): A STP-fin, F BAR-stp, F BAL S German A mun-kie, A WAR H, F con-SMY, A ARM-ank.

TURKEY (Mark Keller, 2): A smy S/d/R (Syr, OTB) A ANK - con.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

Austria -- home, ser, gre, bul, ven (7) Build 1.
England -- home, nwy, hol, den, swe, (7) Even.
France -- home, por, spa, bel, MUN (7) Build 1.
Germany -- ~~mun~~, kie, ~~war~~, BER (2) Remove 1 or even.
Italy -- nap, rom, ~~ven~~, tun (3) Remove 1 or even.
Russia -- stp, mos, sev, rum, ~~ber~~, con, WAR, SMY (7) Build 1.
Turkey -- ank, ~~sm~~ (1) Remove 1 or even.

AUTUMN and WINTER 1903 are due here by deadline shown on page 1. PRESS:

SULTAN ARCHDUKE: Best save your lead for the Russian. Where do you think he will attack after I'm 'gone'?

SULTAN H MOSCOW: Convey me into Sevastopol and I'll pay for your lobotomy.

(More Aliens')

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SULTAN to GM: You're sure going to make this hard, aren't you?

SULTAN - WORLD: Just a minor setback. It seems you're gonna have to give me some dots before we can have an ET draw. So, give me dots now before it's too late. Think ET!

ROME-VIENNA: Hopefully you have taken Venice on schedule.

RECENTLY LIBERATED BERLIN TO LONDON: Ally with you to stab France? You've really got Balls!!! My response is not just no; but, Hell No!!!!

BERLIN to MOSCOW: Anything you need to help England to bleed, just ask.

BERLIN to FRANCE: Your English friend has a sense of loyalty that is truly heart warming.

BERLIN to THE ARCHDUKE: Are you really going to take Munich as reparations?

NO ONE IN PARTICULAR to NO ONE IN PARTICULAR: I've really got nothing to say.

BUDAPEST to BERLIN: See Pete! When I say I'm not going to attack Munich, I mean it! I must admit, though, it was a tough decision; kill Italy or kill Germany. You can thank the Tsar for his role in influencing my decision to allow you to keep Munich EVEN THOUGH you were the one who started this whole mess by invading Galicia.

TRIESTE to VENICE: Sorry DSP. Remember, though, I'm paranoid and you did not write me this season. However, I will go on record now as saying that it'll serve me right if France crushes me after your death; after all, you did warn me.

TRIESTE to MARSEILLES: You picked an inopportune time to be out of town. My card explains everything. We can still work things out if we try, so don't give up.

VIENNA to SAINT PETERSBURG: I must say that you serve steamed Turkey with the grace of a master chef! It's been delicious! Now what?

VIENNA to LONDON: And now what are you up to with that sharpened butterknife?!

BUDAPEST to ANKARA: You have, I must admit, fought a courageous battle to the end. You have been an honorable and worthy opponent. However, I do need more units so don't take it too personally if I take 1 or 2, OK? Thanks, I knew you'd understand.

ARCHDUKE to WOMEN-HUNGRY MEN OF GALICIA: OK, OK, take your whores back! They wouldn't wear satin panties, they wouldn't use deodorant, they wouldn't allow any kinky stuff, and above all, they wouldn't swallow it when giving head! Take these wenches back and I vow I'll never touch another Galician female again! Besides, I've heard that the women of Venice do swallow! They also look like women instead of 300 pound impotent apes.

GALICIA: After the women of this province were returned from the "safety" of the Archduke's manor, the men here have mellowed considerably and no longer do government forces feel alien here. "We'll vote for the Archduke again next century now!" said one overwhelmed Galician rancher when he saw his 296 lb, 6'4" wife stroll in.

FRANCE to ENGLAND: Just don't get too far ahead of me in centers.

ENGLAND to FRANCE: I'll do what I bloody well please, Frog!

FRANCE TO ENGLAND: What did you say, pipsqueak?

ENGLAND to FRANCE: FROG! FROG! DAMN FROG! DAMN STUPID FROG! UGLY FROG TOO!

FRANCE to ENGLAND: That did it! This means war, moron!

ENGLAND to FRANCE: If only this press was actually submitted by us!

1982 CP (DnD-5): The General Belgrano Pro-Am)

WINTER 1901: SEASONS SEPARATED BY GM.

AUSTRIA (Larry McCloud, 5): Builds F Tri, A Vie, HAS F's Gre, Tri;
A's Ser, Bud, Vie.

ENGLAND (Bill Hart, 5): Builds F Edi, F Lvp. HAS F's Nwy, Den, Edi,
Lvp; A Lon.

FRANCE (Evans Givan, 4): Builds F Bre. HAS F's Eng, Bre; A's Spa,
Bur.

GERMANY (Terry Tallman, 5): Builds F Kie, F Ber. HAS F's Hol, Kie,
Ber; A's Bel, Mun.

ITALY (Tal Seaman, 4): Builds F Rom. HAS F's Rom, Tun; A's Pie, Tus.

RUSSIA (Dan Stafford, 6): Builds A StP, A MOS. HAS F's Swe, Rum; A's
StP, Mos, Sev, Ukr.

TURKEY (Michael Pustilnik, 4): Builds F Ank. HAS F's Con, Ank; A's
Smy, Bul.

Okay, guys -- hardball next time. SPRING 1901 is due by deadline on page
1. PRESS follows:

GERMANY to the WORLD: The Kaiser has decided to build a fleet of trawlers -
peaceful fishing vessels.

CON to MOS: You didn't think I was stupid enough to believe you a second
time....you did?? ---

CON to VIE and MOS: Sorry, but I won't be all sliced up and ready for
Thanksgiving. Not this year, at any rate. Anyone care to change sides?

CON to WASH: The obviously American-instigated attack last fall did not go
unnoticed by the Turkish border guards. In revenge, the Ayatollah has
ordered a ban on the exportation of all Turkish delights to America.

ANKARA: Several Turkish companies are upset over the recent ban on Turkish
delights to America. However, the Ayatollah was reported to have said, "Not to
worry, faithful businessmen. If necessary, we can force our spoiling confections
on the hapless hostages."

CON to WORLD: Stars and moons forever!

PAR to WORLD: While the three-toed snallgaster has been driven from French
waters, it now appears a cosmic cataclysm of unknown origin has caused a
black hole to assume control of the English government. Everything goes in,
but nothing comes out. Reliable sources report a similar event in Italy.
Both holes are known to have an insatiable desire for French dots. The
French people appeal to the world for aid and comfort. Especially comfort.

ROME: Viva Italy, long live Machiavelli and the high morals for which he
lived. The Franco swine need a lesson in morals.